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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MAGRUDER

Subject: Final Report on Status of Liquidation.

1. The following Branches of OSS which were placed under my supervision for final liquidation have been completely liquidated, personnel transferred, and property turned over to the Property Board:

Field Experimental Unit (Eisler)  
Special Projects (Shaheen)  
Operational Groups  
MO Branch  
SO Branch

2. The Field Photographic Branch has officially been liquidated, but continues to present constant problems. All film has been boxed, boxes numbered, and stored with the Army Pictorial Service. There are 100 boxes of film, approximately half of which contain film that has been developed but never made into finished pictures. Most of this was taken over seas, and undoubtedly is of real value, but would require a vast amount of expert work to be put into serviceable condition.

Complete lists of the stored film, the film still in the possession of Schools and Training, films produced by Field Photographic, and films delivered to other Governmental Agencies by OSS have been prepared. There is also a tabulated working file containing the agreements made with Army Pictorial Service, the security listings of the films, and material dealing with all unfinished business as of this date. Requests for films are presently pending from State Dept., Regent of Thai, China, and others. Some one responsible officer should be assigned to handle the further problems that are certain to arise in connection with these films.

At Encl.  
Rudman.

3. The F. B. O. Co. Inc. has disposed of its two properties, one to the Navy one to a private buyer, and as of January 23, 1946 was duly dissolved, and a Certificate of Dissolution under the laws of the State of New York issued.

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4. The CD Branch is still functioning. The organization of the Branch, its personnel, and its operation have been discussed with Col. Shucraft, and certain recommendations made regarding its future existence and relationship with the rest of the Agency.

5. DDIS Office has been cleared with the exception of two file drawers which are under the jurisdiction of Lt. Col. Shallcross. The safe belonging to Mr. Southgate and containing State correspondence has been delivered to Mr. Carter Nicholas.

All other files have been indexed and delivered to the Archives. This includes the two mail sacks delivered to DDIS and containing the top secret records of the Italian intelligence office.

  
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Lieutenant-Colonel, FA.

*Rodrigo's files from Italy*

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